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Indian Women's Association.

Grant to the Indian Women's Association.

308 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether they are aware that the Women's Indian Association started in July 1923 a 'Women's Home of service for the helping and development of Indian women in vocational work' and whether the Home also conducts a Baby Welcome centre; and that the Home is carried on on entirely non-sectarian lines with the help of an advisory committee consisting mostly of prominent Indian ladies; and

(2) whether the Indian Women's Association has applied to the Government for a grant to enable them to carry on the institute next year, and, if so, whether any and, if so, what provision will be made in the next year's budget towards the required grant?

A.—From an application for financial assistance received recently from the Honorary Secretary of the Women's Indian Association it would appear that the facts are as stated in clause (1) of the question. The application is under consideration.

Local Self-Government.

Travelling allowance drawn by District Board Presidents.

309 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the names of presidents of district boards who stood as candidates for the recent elections to the Madras Legislative Council or the Indian Legislative Assembly from this Presidency; and

(2) the number of days spent on tour by them for the quarter (August to October) of 1923 and the amount drawn by them as travelling allowance for this quarter as also the amount for the corresponding quarter (August to October) of the previous year?

A.—(1) A statement showing the names of the Presidents of District Boards who stood for election to the Legislative Council is laid on the table.* No President of a District Board stood for election to the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for the information required under clause (2)?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal:—"Mr. President, the information is available from the district boards. If the hon. Member wishes to have that information he can apply to the district boards."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"If it is available, cannot the hon. the Minister oblige us with the information?"

(No answer.)

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